



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, The Knights of Peter Claver is an organization of Black Catholic men which was founded in 1909 in Mobile, Alabama, by four Josephite Priests and three Laymen, with national headquarters in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the purposes of the Order of the Knights of Peter Claver are (1) to render service to God and his Holy Church; (2) to recognize the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; (3) to render mutual aid and assistance to its sick and disabled members; and (4) to promote social and intellectual association within its membership; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the years the organization has expanded to include the Fourth Degree Division (1917), the Junior Knights (1917), the Ladies Auxiliary (1926), and the Junior Daughters (1930); and

**WHEREAS**, the membership in the combined Divisions of the Knights of Peter Claver numbers over 100,000, with Councils and Courts in thirty-two states and the District of Columbia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Knights of Peter Claver and the Ladies Auxiliary are actively engaged in programs that (1) provide basic housing for the needy; (2) fund academic scholarships totaling over \$300,000 annually; and (3) sponsor tutorial assistance for underachieving students in the areas of Mathematics, English, and Reading; and

**WHEREAS**, the Order has presently elected to contribute \$300,000 to Xavier University in New Orleans toward the construction of the St. Katherine Drexel Religious Education Center.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 9, 2004, as

### **KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER, INC. AND LADIES AUXILIARY DAY**

in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By  
The Governor

*Kathleen Babineaux Blanco*  
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the 9th day of June  
A.D., 2004.*

*Kathleen Babineaux Blanco*  
Governor of Louisiana